

PZAC honors facilities, individuals during Expo 2002



Hanford Patrol Captain Steve Voigt jokes about his eyesight as he is recognized at Expo for extraordinary marksmanship.

Beverly Cook, U.S. Department of Energy assistant secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, was a special guest and surprise speaker at the May 2 Presidents' Zero Accident Council meeting held at the Hanford Safety and Health Exposition at the TRAC facility.

After an introduction by Shirley Olinger, DOE-RL assistant manager for Safety and Engineering, Cook delivered a "value creation" message. She said her organization consists of "the corporate safety people" whose job is to establish a framework that will enable workers at DOE sites to accomplish their work safely and effectively.

The Spent Nuclear Fuel Project was honored at the PZAC meeting for achieving four million hours without anyone losing a day of work due to a job-related injury. It covered a period that began in October 1999 and continued during a time when cleanup achievements included the design, construction, start-up and operation of three new facilities; the refurbishing of the 1950s K Basins; and moving 305 metric tons of irradiated uranium away from the Columbia River. During that time period, about 200 new staff members joined the project and its safety culture. The project has since reached 4.4 million safe hours.

A special Fluor Corporation "Two Star Award" was presented to the Fast Flux Test Facility. The award recognizes the achievement of two million hours without a lost or "away" day and a low "OSHA recordable" rate of 0.4, half that of the corporation's aggressive goal.

Hanford Patrol Captain Steve Voigt was honored for winning the state's top title for pistol marksmanship for 20 years in a row.

The first Fluor Hanford Award for Environmental Stewardship was bestowed on the River Corridor Project after close competition with the 222-S Analytical Laboratory, the Plutonium Finishing Plant, T Plant and the Waste Sampling and Characterization Facility.

Cliff Ledford of the Expo Committee distributed awards for the 2002 Safety Exposition. The traffic safety booth was selected as the "Kids Favorite"; the Protection Technology Hanford booth won the "Most Informative" award; the safety awareness booth was selected in the Safety category; Kadlec Hospital won the Health Booth Award; the Waste Sampling and Characterization Facility and 222-S Laboratory were honored as the "Most Interactive"; and the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center was named "Best Overall."

Ledford announced the Jake McMillan Memorial Award for an Expo Committee member exemplifying the type of safety commitment that characterized the late Jake McMillan. Owen Berglund of the Fluor Hanford-operated 222-S Analytical Laboratory received the first "Jake" award. ■